

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS (Style: Responses: 1 / 2 Level; Reopening)
1 level = 7 – 17 HCP varies with vul/position 5+ cards (rarely 4)
2 level = 9 – 17 HCP varies with vul/position 5+ cards
New suit = F1
Cue-bid = usually, support and values (i.e. good single raise or better) but may be general force.
Weak jump raises, mixed raises
1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)
2 nd seat = 15 - bad 18 HCP (system on – but after (1M) – 1NT, 2♣ only asks about other M).
4 th seat live = nat. 16-19 HCP by unpassed hand, unusual (i.e. 2 lowest suits) by passed hand.
4 th seat balancing = 10-15 HCP, stopper not guaranteed, system on.
JUMP OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)
Jump overcalls : weak, 6+ cards, varies with vul/position
Unusual 2NT : lowest 2 suits (5/5 or longer) wide-ranging values
Leaping Michaels vs. weak 2M opening.
Non-leaping Michaels vs. 3-level pre-empt
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS (Style; Response; Reopen)
Direct cue : Michaels, 5+/5+, wide-ranging values
Jump cue : solid suit elsewhere, looking for stop
1♣(2+)-2♣ = Michaels
VS. NT (vs. Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)
2♣ = 4+/4+ majors, 2♦ = 5+ M, 2♥/♠ = 5 of that suit and 4+ minor
2NT = 5/5 Minors
PH or 4 th seat: X = MM or single minor, 2♣ = ♣+M, 2♦ = ♦+M
2♥/♠ = 5+ M, 2NT = 5/5 Minors
X: Vs Wk or Str NT = Penalty (by unpassed hand)
3 of a suit = nat : intermediate if m, weak if M.
VS. PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT Bids)
DBL = T/O, Lebensohl after X of weak two
Leaping Michaels vs Weak 2s, non-leaping vs 3-level pre-empt
Jump to 4NT = mm, Cue = Stopper ask
VS. ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS- i.e. 1♣ or 2♣
Vs. strong 1♣ : 1NT = Minors, X = Majors (same after 1♣ - 1♦).
Vs. Polish 1♣ or equivalent : as vs.natural 1♣
OVER OPPONENTS' TAKEOUT DOUBLE
2NT = limit raise or better. Dbl jump = preemptive raise. 2/1 NF, nat, usu 6-c suit. RDBL = 10+ HCP, support unlikely. Fit jumps.
1M – (x) - ? or (1m) – 1M – (x) - ? = transfers apply.

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	4th, 2nd from bad suit, MUD	Low from 3, otherwise same	
NT	Same	Low from 3, otherwise same	
Subseq			
A and Q asks for attitude, K asks for count, or unblock if possible			
LEADS			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	Att (Ax..., AK...)	same	
King	Count (AK..., KQ...)	same	
Queen	Att/unblock J (KQT or QJ)	Att/unb (KQT or QJ or AQJT)	
Jack	KJT..., JT...	AJT..., KJT..., JT9..., JT8...	
10	HT9..., T9..., Tx	same	
9	H98..., 987..., 9x	same	
Hi-X	Top of dbltn OR 2 nd from bad suit	same	
Lo-X	MUD OR 4 th -highest (Txxx..or better)	same	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	LOW = ENC	HI = Even	Odd = ENC
Suit 2	Count	Suit Preference	Even = NEUT/DISC, SP
3	Suit Preference		
1	LOW = ENC	HI = Smith Peter	Same as above
NT 2	Suit preference	HI = Even	
3		Suit Preference	
Signals (including Trumps):			
Smith Peter in NT, Hi-Lo in declarer's first suit ENC our lead			
Trump Echo, Hi-Lo may indicate preference for higher suit			
DOUBLES			
TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)			
Up to 4♥. Light re-opening DBL			
Can be light (10+) with classical shape			
Natural responses, Cue-bid = Forcing			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS/RDLS			
Negative double up to 4♥			
Support DBL/RDBL up to 2♠			
Responsive DBL up to 4♥			
Maximal DBLs			
Most low-level DBL = T/O			

W B F CONVENTION CARD
CATEGORY: Green
NCBO: CBAI (Ireland)
PLAYERS: Tom Hanlon
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SYSTEM SUMMARY
Natural, 5 card majors, short club, 2/1 GF
1NT opening 15-17
1NT can contain 5cM / 6cm / 5-4
3 Weak Twos
Pre-emptive jump raises
Fit jumps
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
Opening 2♦ / 2♥ / 2♠ Weak
Transfers after opponents overcall our 1♣/1♦ with 1♦/♥
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
After a GF has been established
IMPORTANT NOTES
RKC 1430, 2 no Q, 2+Q. 5NT follow-up = specific king ask.
4NT-5NT = 2 keycards, unspecified void
4NT-6x = 1/3 keycards, void in x
4NT-6 of trump suit = 1/3 keycards, unbidable void
Transfer lebensohl after interference over 1NT
Lebensohl SANS after X of a weak two
Lebensohl SANS over a reverse = <8HCP
4th Suit Forcing = GF
PSYCHICS: Seldom

OPENING	ART	MIN. NO.	NEG.DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣		2	4♥	9-21 HCP	1M may contain longer ♦ if not INV+. 1NT = 6-10 HCP, denies 4M. 2♣ = GF, 12+HCP, 5+♣, usually no 4M. 2♦ = limit raise 9-11. 2♥/♠ = nat pre-empt (≤6 HCP). 2NT = 10-12 HCP. 3♣ = 0-8 HCP, 5+♣.	2-way checkback after 1NT (11-14) or 2NT (18-19) rebid. 1♣-1♦/♥-1NT doesn't deny 4♣. 1♣-2♣-2♦/♥ show unspecified shortness 11-14/15+	
1♦		4	4♥	9-21 HCP	1NT = 6-10 HCP, denies 4M. 2♣ = nat, GF. 2♦ = GF, 12+HCP, 4+♦, usually no 4M. 2♥/♠ = nat pre-empt (≤6 HCP). 2NT = 10-12 HCP. 3♣ = limit raise 9-11. 3♦ = 0-8 HCP, 4+♦.	2-way checkback after 1NT (11-14) or 2NT (18-19) rebid. 1♦-1♥-1NT doesn't deny 4♣. 1♦-2♦-2♥/♠ show unspecified shortness 11-14/15+	
1♥		5	4♥	9-21 HCP	1NT = 6-11/12 HCP, denies 4♠, semi-forcing. 2♣/♦ = nat, GF. 2♥ = 6-9 HCP, 3♥ (occ. 4 in flat hand). 2♠ = nat pre-empt (≤6 HCP). 2NT = INV+, 10+ HCP, 3+♥. 3♣ = nat 5-8 HCP. 3♦ = nat 5-8 HCP. 3♥ = ≤6 HCP, 4♥. 3♠ = splinter. 3NT = to play, doesn't promise support. 4♣/♦ = splinter.	AFTER 1♥-2♥ : long suit trial bids. AFTER 1♥-2NT : 3♣ = most minimum hands ≤14 HCP, 3♦ = 15+ HCP (or 6 losers) no shortage, 3♥ = 15+ HCP, singleton club, 3♠ = 15+ HCP, singleton diamond, 3NT = 15+ HCP, singleton spade, 4 of other suit = void in that suit. 1♥-1NT-2♣- (2♦ = relay to 2♥, 2♥ = 8-10, 2♠ = good ♣ raise)	2♣ Drury after 3/4 seat opening
1♠		5	4♥	9-21 HCP	1NT = 6-11/12 HCP, semi-forcing. 2♣/♦/♥ = nat, GF. 2♠ = 6-9 HCP, 3♠ (occ. 4 in flat hand). 2NT = INV+, 10+ HCP, 3+♠. 3♣ = nat 5-8 HCP. 3♦ = nat 5-8 HCP. 3♥ = nat 10-12, 6+ suit. 3♠ = ≤6 HCP, 4♠. 3NT = to play, doesn't promise support. 4♣/♦ = splinter. 4♥ = to play.	AFTER 1♠-2♠ : long suit trial bids. AFTER 1♠-2NT : 3♣ = most minimum hands ≤14 HCP, 3♦ = 15+ HCP (or 6 losers) no shortage, 3♥ = 15+ HCP, singleton club, 3♠ = 15+ HCP, singleton diamond, 3NT = 15+ HCP, singleton heart, 4 of other suit = void in that suit. 1♠-1NT-2♣- (2♦ = 5+♥, 2♥ = relay to 2♠, 2♠ = 8-10)	2♣ Drury after 3/4 seat opening
1NT				15-17 HCP, bal. or semi-bal. 5M, 6m or 5/4 possible	2♣ = non-prom Stayman. 2♦/♥ = xfer to ♥/♠. 2♠ = xfer to ♣. 2NT = xfer to ♦. 3♣/♦/♥/♠ = nat slam try. 4♣ = 6+/5+ majors. 4♦/♥ xfer to ♥/♠. 4♠ = 5+/5+ minors.	Superaccept of major-suit xfer : jump to 3 with min, bid 2NT with max (both with 4-cd support). Superaccept of minor-suit xfer : complete transfer.	
2♣	x			23+ BAL or any GF	2♥/♠ = 8+HCP, good 5-c suit. 3♣/♦ = 8+HCP, good 6-c suit. 2♦ = all other hands. 2♣-2♦-2♥-2♠ = 25-26 bal /♥/♥+other	2NT = 23-24 HCP, bal or semi-bal, with subsequent bidding as over 2NT opening. All other rebids nat GF.	
2♦		5		Usu. 6-c suit, 5-10 HCP (but 10-14 in 4 th pos). Can be lighter in 3 rd pos.	2NT = feature enquiry, usually constructive, may be tactical. Wide-ranging raises. New suit = F1. Splinters.	2x-2NT: 3♣ = max HCP, feature. 3♦ = min HCP. 3♥ = max HCP, feature. 3♠ = max HCP, feature. 3NT = AKQxxx	
2♥		5		As above	As above	As above with 3♥ as min HCP	
2♠		5		As above	As above	As above with 3♠ as min HCP	
2NT				20-22 bal or semi-bal (e.g. 5422 and 4441 both possible)	3♣ = Puppet Stayman. 3♦/♥ = xfer. 3♠ = puppet to 3NT, one or both minors, slam interest. 4♣ = Gerber. 4♦/♥ = xfer. 4♠ = 5/5 mm	AFTER 3♣: 3♦ = no 5M, has 4M, 3♥ = no 5M or 4M, 3♠ = 5 spades. 3NT = 5 hearts	
3♣		6		Pre-emptive	New suit below game = natural GF. 4NT = RKCB (mod. responses)		
3♦		6		Same as above	Same as above		
3♥		6		Same as above	Same as above		
3♠		6		Same as above	Same as above		
3NT	x			Solid 7+Card minor, no outside A or K	4/5♠ = Pass or correct, 4♦ = shortage enquiry (steps, 4NT = none)	HIGH LEVEL BIDDING	
4♣		7		Pre-emptive	4♦ = natural GF; 4♥/♠ = to play; 4NT = RKCB	1430 RKCB	
4♦		7		Pre-emptive	4♥/♠/5♣ = to play; 4NT = RKCB	DOP1, ROP1 and DEPO	
4♥		7		To Play	4♣/5♣/♦ = cue; 4NT = RKCB	Lightner DBLs	
4♠		7		To Play	5♣/♦ = cue; 4NT = RKCB	5NT Pick A Slam	
4NT	x			Specific ace ask	5♣ = none; 5♦/♥/♠/6♠ = ace of that suit; 5NT = 2	Specific King Ask	
5m		7		Pre-emptive		Exclusion RKCB 1430	
5M		7		Almost slam-worthy	Raise the level of the fit for each top trump honour	Minorwood RKC 1430	